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BY THE KING.

A Proclamation for the redreſſe of certaine Grievances complained of by the Inhabitants of the County of OXFORD.

WHEREAS Complaint hath been made to His Majeſtie on the behalf of the Inhabitants of this County of *Oxford*, that although they have agreed to a great weekly Contribution by way of Loane towards the Proviſion of His Majeſties Horſe, yet in many parts of this County they ſuffer in theſe particulars following, wherein they humbly pray to be releived.

First, That the Souldiers do put their Horſes into the ſtanding-corne, and deſtroy and ſpoile it, which will be an utter undoing to the owners, if it be not remedied.

Secondly, They turne their Horſes into their Meddowes, and mow their Graſſe, whereby they ſhall have no Hay to keep their Cattell the next winter, refuſing other Graſſe for them.

Thirdly, Whereas there is 3ˢ 6ᵈ by the week allowed for a Souldiers Dyet, in many places a Souldier, a Woman, and a Child, or a Boy, be all billetted and dyeted at the ſame rate, as for one man.

Fourthly, Many of them refuſe to give Tickets, when they have been billetted a moneth, or ſix weeks in a place, and ſome who do give Tickets, will not make them ſo perfect, as that the Maſter of the family can have allowance thereof, when it is brought to the Sheriffe or other Collectour.

Fifthly, Where Souldiers are quartered in a Pariſh, and ſometimes one or a few houſes receive them, as the Quarter-Maſter appoints it, they who receive them can have no contribution from them of the ſame Pariſh or Liberty, who receive either none, or a fewer number, whereas the charg being borne by all of ability indifferently, it would be the eaſier, and the more equall.

His Majeſtie taking theſe things into His Princely conſideration, doth give His approbation of the reaſonableneſſe of them all. And being willing to eaſe His good Subjects in all things which He can, and the neceſſity of the times will permitt, Doth now declare His Royall Pleaſure and Command that theſe things above-written, and complained of, be from henceforth reformed, & doth require the Commanders and Officers of His Army, as much as in them lyeth, to ſee the ſame obſerved, and that whoſoever ſhall offend therein muſt expect to receive punishment ſtrictly, according to the quality of his offence, and that both the Inhabitants of the County, and the Souldiers may take the better notice hereof and obſerve it, His Majeſtie doth command that this be forthwith Printed, and Publiſhed in every Church and Parochiall Chappell within this County. *Given at His Majeſties Court at* OXFORD, *this third day of* June, *in the thirteenth yeare of His Majeſties Reigne.*

God Save the King.

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